



**SAN BRUNO PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

June 17, 2009

Chair Pierce called the regularly scheduled meeting of the San Bruno Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday June 17, 2009.

Commissioner Stanton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT AT MEETING – Commissioners: Bower, Vice-Chair Greenberg, Lara, Nigel, Chair Pierce, Stanton, and Zamattia. Excused: Commissioners Davis & Marshall. Staff: Schwartz, Brewer, Freitas and Mattias. Public: re: Dog Park Issues & Catalpa Lot – Laura Baughman, Tim Fuller, Leigh Smith, Rhonda & Ward Sims, Janice Rumbaugh, Steve & Barbara Johnson, Lloyd Chaney, Tim & Kathy Eden and Dennis & Kathy Jordan.

MINUTES: MSC Nigel/Zamattia to approve the Minutes of the May 20, 2009 Meeting. Passed unanimously.

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. a Athletic Field Committee - Director Schwartz reviewed the compiled Athletic Field Evaluation sheets that ere submitted by some of the Commissioners and noted that Lions Field was most favorable of the 5 fields, with Mt. Verde & John Muir being next and Crestmoor and Rollingwood being last. **Manager Freitas** gave history of project starting in 2006 and overview of cost of fields, ADA accessibility and meeting with Dr. Hutt. After much discussion, **Chair Pierce** asked Commissioners Lara, Zamattia & Bower if they wanted to update the survey with their evaluations. Commissioners Lara & Zamattia will conduct their evaluations to be included; Bower passed. **Director Schwartz** will get quotes for synthetic turf to be included in projected costs. **Commissioner Nigel** asked what was time-line to City Council. Director Schwartz responded August or September is a reasonable timeframe. **Chair Pierce** will gather further information and the Athletic Field Ad-Hoc Committee will meet again before next PRC Meeting.

1. b Catalpa Lot – Director Schwartz gave a slideshow presentation showing PG&E gas line that runs through the basketball courts and adjacent lot. He has spoken with a PG&E representative and was advised not to put anything permanent over gas line. Suggesting possible linear equipment over site i.e., light landscaping, benches.

Chair Pierce opened discussion to public – comments from public:

Dennis Jordan, Toyon Avenue, noted that he moved there in 1985 and tot lot was already there, he suggested moving basketball court from across the street and building a playground on existing court. Asked if a playground was put back would PG&E ask City to remove it.

Lloyd Chaney, Fleetwood Avenue, noted that he has live here 47 years and his kids grew up playing there and feels we need a park in community.

Tom Eden, Fleetwood Avenue, is in favor of a child's park. Area behind building is not visible from street and concerned with safety.

Kathy Jordan, Toyon Way, agrees with others and like to take grandchildren to a park in her neighborhood, would like to see some play equipment to use.

Director Schwartz read a letter from Sharon-Ann Baum, Claremont Drive and e-mail from Jo-Ann Murphy who could not be in attendance at meeting, both stating they would like to see park renovated.

Director Schwartz summarized the next steps as:

- Notify residents that the discussion would continue at the next meeting
- Confirm PG&E regulations/prohibitions
- Determine funding options for any improvements

Chair Pierce thanked public for attending, discussing possibilities and for their thoughts.

1. c Dog Park Committee – Director Schwartz announced that commissioners visited various sites in City for potential dog areas. Sub-Committee met on June 16, 2009. **Chair Pierce** said that Ad-hoc Committee is still working on various ideas and would like holding this until Ad-hoc Committee has concluded.

Chair Pierce opened discussion to public – comments from the public included:

- Clarify potential sites in community
- Consider all options, not just a single site
- Outcome needs to be cost conscience
- Mixed use site (combining dogs & other park use) – with preference given to children's program
- Times for dogs to be off leash in selected parks
- D.O.G. (Dog Owners & Guardians) group is willing to help pay for costs – potentially associated with permits to use park

The Commissioners agreed that the Commission's Dog Park Committee and public would consider other sites options, that the Committee would meet with D.O.G. representatives and that staff would bring the wish list of Commodore improvements to next meeting.

B. COMMUNICATIONS: None

C. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

D. NEW BUSINESS: None

E. REPORTS:

1. Staff Reports:

In addition to the weekly reports distributed to the Commissioners, **Director Schwartz** highlighted that staff are tabulating reports on Spring Classes and will have numbers soon

2. Commissioners Reports:

- A. Commissioner Lara** commented that he had a lot of feedback regarding the removal of grass around the home plate of Lara Field several years ago and was wondering if it was at all possible to have it replaced? **Manager Freitas** talked about the budget crisis the City is in and that this would require more maintenance, irrigation and would not recommend it at this time.
- B. Commissioner Stanton** asked to have the Pool's Anniversary added to future staff reports. **Manager Freitas** was happy to announce that staff has finished replacing 33 light shields at Lions Field making a significant difference with lighting and felt it was a good expenditure.
- C. Commissioner Nigel** thanked Commissioner Davis for giving a great presentation at the last City Council meeting. He also announced that the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee was represented at the Posy Parade and handed out pamphlets. He felt it was very positive. He would hope that at our 50th Anniversary of the Pool on July 18th that all commissioners are in attendance. **Commissioner Nigel** also is contacting one of the pool's first Lifeguards and stating that San Bruno had a swim team called "San Bruno Surf Riders". He is hoping to get full support for our Anniversary Celebration.
- D. Commissioner Greenberg** attended the Housing Element open house. She would have liked more handouts and said it really wasn't what she anticipated.
- E. Commissioner Nigel** would like to have our City Council Representative invited to PRC Meetings.
- F. Chair Pierce** announced AYSO Soccer Fest will be on August 28th and invited commissioners to come out and if they would like to help judge.

H. ADJOURNMENT: With no other business to be conducted, **Chair Pierce** adjourned the meeting at 8:13pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jackie Mattias
Executive Assistant